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(iii) G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district and increasing the rates of land revenue on the major portions of the wet lands in that district by more than one rupee per acre, should be cancelled; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received several representations against the orders issued in the Government Orders mentioned, but have not received the proceedings of the Presidency Ryotwari Conference held on 27th January 1934.

(*b*) The rules issued in G.O. No. 1853, Revenue, dated 5th September 1932, provide for the levy of concessional rates of water-cess during the first few years of irrigation under the Cauvery-Mettur Project. These concessional rates are also subject to the suspension of land revenue ordered in G.O. No. 72, Revenue, dated 10th January 1934, for fasli 1343. The orders issued in G.O. No. 474, Revenue, dated 15th March 1933, and G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, do not come into force earlier than 1st July 1934. The Government see no reason why the Government Orders should be cancelled.

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(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to take action thereon; and if so, what action?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 737.

Provincial Gazetteers

Arrangements for editing the gazetteers.

* 739 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the work of the gazetteers was entrusted to the late Mr. J. J. Cotton, I.C.S.;

(*b*) for how long Mr. J. J. Cotton was in charge of the office of Editor of the Gazetteers;

(*c*) for how many districts he was entrusted with the duty of revising the gazetteers;

(*d*) for what districts there are no gazetteers at all;

(*e*) what the strength was of the establishment sanctioned to him;

(*f*) what the arrangement is for editing gazetteers after Mr. J. J. Cotton's death;

(*g*) what the progress made by Mr. J. J. Cotton was in the preparation of the gazetteers (i.e., in what stage he left the work when he died); and

(*h*) who the present Editor of the Gazetteers is and what the strength of the present establishment is and what the qualifications are of the head clerk of the special staff?

A.—(*a*) 1st July 1926.

(*b*) Until his death on 20th June 1927.

(*c*) The following duties were entrusted to him:—

(i) Preparation of gazetteers of the following districts:—

Ganjam,	North Arcot,
West Godavari,	Ramnad,
Kistna,	Chittoor,
Kurnool,	Guntur and
Chingleput,	Nellore.